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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 08/917,710; Filed: August 26, 1997
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Inventors: **BEDNARIK *et al.***
Our Ref: **1488.0450001/EKS/GLL**
Art Unit: **1647**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Supplemental Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with copy of ATCC Deposit Receipt attached; and
2. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Sir:

Further to the June 26, 2002, Examiner interview, Applicants submit the following Supplemental Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),